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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN ROC IMPORT DUTIES AND COMMODITY TAXES ON
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

REF: A.STATE 75668

B. TAIPEI 2098

1. MESSAGE CONTAINED REF A TRANSMITTED TO LAI FU TRADING
COMPANY, LTD, APRIL 15.

2. ALL IMPORTERS U.S. APPLIANCES AND TVS WERE INVITED TO
EMBASSY APRIL 12 TO DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSED
CHANGES IN IMPORT DUTIES AND COMMODITY TAXES. ONLY TWO
IMPORTERS ATTENDED: E.J. REHFELDT, LAI FU TRADING CO,
LTD. (RCA) AND GILBERT B. MAR, UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC.
(ADMIRAL). IT WAS AGREED THEY WOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH
VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE WANG SHAO-YU LATER SAME DAY.

3. APPOINTMENT COULD NOT BE ARRANGED BUT MAR MENTIONED
HE WOULD ENDEAVOR DISCUSS MATTER, INCLUDING EMBASSY
INTEREST, WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE K.T. LI ON WAY TO
OR DURING US-ROC TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE IN
SAN FRANCISCO APRIL 15-16.

4. ASSUMING MAR WAS SUCCESSFUL, MINISTER LI MAY BE
EXPECTING SUBJECT TO BE RAISED BY UNDER SECRETARY TABOR
DURING LI'S WASHINGTON VISIT. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT
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UNDER SECRETARY STATE HE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT

GROC IS CONTEMPLATING FISCAL ACTIONS WHICH COULD RESULT
IN SHARP DECLINE IN SALES OF US APPLIANCES AND TVS.
USG IS PUZZLED AT THIS INFORMATION SINCE IT HAD BEEN
LED TO BELIEVE THAT GROC POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE IMPORTS
OF US CONSUMER GOODS IN EFFORT TO REDUCE TRADE IMBALANCE
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
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